(c) whether Government have any proposal to revive the said train?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The Express train between Madras and Pondicherry was cancelled from 1-4-1986 due to poor patronisation.

(c) No, Sir.

Funds raised under the 'Race Against Time' Programme

*90. SHRIMATI SUDHA VIJAY JOSHI: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state the amount of funds raised and other materials collected under the 'Race Against Time' campaign conducted in India in May, 1986 to provide relief to the drought victims of Africa?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS AND WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI MARGARET ALVA): In response to the call of the UNICEF to express solidarity with drought striken African countries and to raise funds for helping African children the Government of India designated the Sports Authority of India as the nodal agency on its behalf to assist UNICEF in organising in India the Sport Aid Programme also described as 'Race Against Time'. The Sports Authority of India has as on the 17th July, 1986 received, on behalf of UNICEF, contributions amounting to Rs. 45.56 lakhs for Soprts Aid. No contribution in kind has been collected by the Sports Authority of India in this context.

Demands of the Teachers of Delhi University

*91. SHRI ATAL BIHARI VAJPAYEE:

SHRI LAL K. ADVANI:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to refer to the reply to Starred Question 43 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 26th February, 1986 and state:

(a) the follow-up action taken so far with regard to each demand after withdrawal of the strike by Delhi University Teachers on the 23rd February, 1986;

(b) whether the University Grants Commission has received certain demands from the Delhi University and College Karamchari Union;

(c) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(d) what is Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE (SHRIMATI KRISHNA SAHI): (a) The UGC has released Rs. 71.25 lakhs to various colleges who have sent complete proposals against the Rs. 60 crore housing scheme. In addition, against the Rs. 20.00 crore scheme. the Commission has agreed to the Delhi University utilising Rs. 4.0 crore from its Provident Fund accumulations for construction of houses. The Commission will refund this amount with interest to the Universiy. The provision for house building advances to the employees of the Unversity and its Colleges has been increased to Rs. 1.0 crore annually. Selection Grade Lecturers stagnating at the maximum of their Scale of Pay of Rs. 1900-/- for two years or more have been sanctioned an additional increment equal to the rate of the last increment drawn by them as personal pay. The payment of bonus to the teaching staff as per terms and conditions applicable to corresponding categories of Govt. employees has also been approved.

(b) and (c). The Delhi University and College Karamchari Union has submitted a memorandum in April, 1986, in which they had demanded higher scales of pay for certain categories of staff and implementation of the revision of pay scales retrospectively.

(d) The UGC has agreed to implement the rationalised pay scales from 1.4.1986. The demand of Section Officers for im-

plementation of the revised scale from 1.1.1973 is pending with the High Court, while in the case of Senior Personal Assistants, consultations with the Central Universities are in progress. The demand of Library Attendatns/Laboratory Attendants for higher scale has not been accepted. No decision has yet been taken on the revision of staffing pattern in Colleges.

Role of the Sports Authority of India in Sports Aid Programme

*92. SHRI DHARAM CHANDER PRASHANT:
SHRI SURESH KALMADI:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) what was the role of the Sports Authority of India in organising the Sports Aid Programme for the benefit of African children;

(b) the amount of money spent by the Sports Authority of India to organise this event; and

(c) whether the Sports Authority of India proposes to organise similar programmes for the benefit of Indian children or for victims of droughts in India?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS AND WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI MARGARET ALVA): (a) The Sports Authority of India was designated as the nodal agency on behalf of the Government to assist UNICEF in organising in India the 'Sports Aid' also described as 'Race Against Time'.

(b) Rupees 71,580/-

(c) No such proposal exists at present.

Merger of Air India and Indian Airlines

*93. SHRI SURESH KALMADI:
SHRI DHARAM CHANDER PRASHANT:

Will the Minister of TRANSPORT be pleased to refer to the reply to Starred Question 59 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 25th July, 1985 and state:

(a) whether Government propose to integrate/merge Air India and Indian Airlines;

(b) if so, what are the reasons therefor and what benefits are likely to accrue as a result of this merger; and

(c) by when the merger is likely to take place?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) to (c) The question of integrating Air India and Indian Airlines is under preliminary examination. It is, therefore, not possible at this stage to indicate the likely date of merger.

Grant to the Indian Council of World Affairs

*94. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Indian Council of World Affairs (ICWA) receives an annual grant from Government;

(b) if so, what was the amount of the grant given to the ICWA during the last five years, year-wise and the purpose for which the grant was given;

(c) whether Government have, at any stage, made any assessment with regard to the working of the ICWA in order to know as to how far the grant was utilised for the purpose for which it was given; and

(d) if so, what is the outcome thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE (SHRIMATI KRISHNA SAHI) : (a) and (b) Grant is given by Government to the Indian Council of World Affairs for the maintenance of their library. The grant given during the last five